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| Applicant: | Han-Ping Chen, et al. | § | Docket No.: | 24061.226 (2003-1180) |
| Serial No.: | 10/822,505 | § | Examiner: | Walter Lee Lindsay, Jr. |
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| For: | Method of Forming Self-Aligned Poly for Embedded Flash | § | Conf. No.: | 3049 |

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

The present paper is being submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement Office Action dated September 21, 2005 in the above-identified application.

Election of Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

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I. Election

In the Office Action mailed August 4, 2005, the Examiner alleges that the application contains claims directed to the following species:

Species I: Claims 1-14 pertain to a plurality of partially completed microelectronic devices;

Species II: Claims 15-27 pertain to a protective layer and a plurality of isolation structures; and

Species III: Claims 28-39 pertain to a protective layer and a plurality of isolation structures and at least one memory device.

In response to the election of species requirement, Applicant elects Species II, corresponding to claims 15-27.